

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

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From: California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
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Project Applicant: Gallo Cattle Company, LP dba Joseph Gallo Farms

Project Title: Reducing Dairy Farm Environmental Impacts through Renewable Energy Production for Same Site Cheese Processing

Project Location – Specific: 10561 State Highway 140

Project Location – City: Atwater 95301 **Project Location – County:** Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will replace an existing anaerobic digester and waste management system with a new anaerobic digester and dry waste collection system at the existing dairy.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Gallo Cattle Company, LP dba Joseph Gallo Farms

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15301 ; Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15302
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt from CEQA under CCR 15301 and CCR 15302(c) as it involves the reconstruction/replacement of the waste management system at the existing Cottonwood Dairy facility. This reconstruction modification will not increase the capacity of the existing operations at the Cottonwood Dairy facility.

Each exemption is an independent basis for finding the project exempt.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Hannah Craig **Area code/Telephone/Ext:** 916-327-2457

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Hannah Craig

Date: 4/13/2020

Title: Energy Analyst

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Signed by Responsible Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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